

Laboratory Safety Rules for the Science Classroom

These precautions and suggestions are for your own safety and that of your classmates. Study this sheet thoroughly.

1. Wear proper eye protection when asked to during certain lab activities.
2. Confine or securely tie hair back that reaches to the shoulders. Remember hair is flammable.
3. Do not smoke, drink, or chew gum in the lab area. Never taste anything in the laboratory.
4. Do only the experiments assigned and in the manner prescribed. Unauthorized experiments are prohibited.
5. Never engage in horseplay or practical jokes.
6. Footwear that completely covers the foot is highly recommended. Footwear at the very least should be hard-soled.
7. Avoid inhaling chemical fumes.
8. The teacher is to be notified immediately in case of an accident, no matter how trivial.
9. Know the locations of the fire extinguisher, fire blanket, eye wash, and safety shower.
10. Notify instructor immediately of any spills on your clothing. If acid or base is spilled rinse thoroughly then notify instructor.
11. Do not use the sink to discard matches or insoluble wastes. Use the brown ceramic containers for that.
12. Do not return chemicals to their original containers unless you are specifically instructed to do so.
13. Never point the open end of a test tube being heated at yourself or others.
14. Do not touch or handle laboratory equipment or materials without the instructors permission.
15. Dispose of broken glass only in the special receptacle for that purpose. Clean up your lab station after every experiment.
16. Never take chemicals out of the laboratory.
17. Always wash your hands with soap before leaving the laboratory for your next class.



SAFETY CONTRACT

The purpose of this contract is for the student to realize the implications for inappropriate behavior. The student will agree to the following rules to participate in labs.

I WILL :

- Follow all instructions given by the teacher.
- Protect eyes, face, hands, and body when involved in science experiments.
- Carry out good housekeeping practices.
- Know where to get help fast (instructor).
- Know the location of eye wash, fire extinguisher, fire blanket, and safety shower.
- Conduct myself in a responsible manner at all times.

I, _____ (print your name), have read and agreed to follow the safety regulations set forth above and on the reverse side of this contract. I will closely follow the oral or written instructions provided by the teacher and/ or school administrator.

Date _____

Signature _____